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To the Chairman and Members of the Kingsclere & Whitchurch Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for 1972, prepared as directed by the Department of Health and Social Security.

The health of the District was good, with few cases of infectious diseases notified.

The estimated mid-year population was 28,450, an increase of 340. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) was 228.

In April, the County Council took over responsibility for family planning. The service is now free except for supplies. These are also free where there are medical reasons for their use.

Re-organisation of the Health Service progressed to the point where it is now proposed there shall be six National Health Service Districts with the new Hampshire Area Health Authority.

Mr. J. E. Pattern, Student Public Health Inspector, qualified in June and was appointed to the staff as a Public Health Inspector.

I should like to thank the Chief Public Health Inspector and the staff of his and my Departments for their help in the compilation of this Report.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. A. G. CARSON

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area : 77,392 acres

Population : The estimated mid-year population was 28,450.

The population trend of the Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District is as follows :

1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
24,670	25,230	25,690	26,170	26,730	27,320	27,660	28,250	28,110	28,450

The total number of deaths in 1972 was 229; the number of births was 457, showing a natural increase of births over deaths of 228.

The rateable value of the District was : £2,739,632

Estimated product of the penny rate was : £9,156

The number of inhabited houses was : 9,564

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The Registrar General's figures for live and still-births in the Kingsclere & Whitchurch Rural District in 1972 were 457 and 10 respectively.

Table showing Legitimate and Illegitimate Live Births in 1972

Live-Births	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	209	232	441
Illegitimate	11	5	16
Total	220	237	457

Table showing Still Births for 1972

Still-Births	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	4	2	6
Illegitimate	-	4	4
Total	4	6	10

Live Birth Rate

The crude live birth rate per 1,000 of the population was 16.1. The corrected live birth rate (using a comparability factor of 0.93) was 15.0, compared with a rate of 14.8 for England & Wales, and 15.5 for the Administrative County of Hampshire. The ratio of the local adjusted rate to the national rate was 1.01 to 1.00.

Table showing Corrected Live Birth Rates for the period 1963 - 1972

Year	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Rate per Thousand	21.0	17.7	21.8	20.2	23.2	24.5	16.4	18.8	18.6	15.0

Illegitimate Births

The number of illegitimate births was 16 compared with 22 in 1971, 37 in 1970, 22 in 1969, 48 in 1968 and 30 in 1967. A better comparison is the percentage of illegitimate births to total live births, which was 4.0% compared with 5 5% in 1967, 7.5% in 1968, 5.0% in 1969, 7.0% in 1970 and 4.0% in 1971. In England & Wales the rate was 9.0 and in the Administrative County of Hampshire it was 6.0.

Still Births

There were 10 still births, giving a still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births of 21.0 compared with 5.5 in 1967, 10.8 in 1968, 4.0 in 1969, 7.0 in 1970 and 6.0 in 1971. The still birth rates for England & Wales and for the Administrative County of Hampshire in 1972 were12.0, and 9.0 respectively.

Infant Deaths

There were five infant deaths under the age of one year in 1972. Of these, three died in the first week of life and the remaining two before their first birthdays.

Table showing Infant Deaths in 1972

	Under 1 year		Under 4 weeks		Under 1 week	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Legitimate	0	4	0	3	0	2
Illegitimate	1	0	1	0	1	0

Causes of Deaths were :

Cardiac Arrest	1
Gastro-enteritis	1
Prematurity	3

Infant Mortality Rate

This is calculated as the total infant deaths under 1 year, per 1000 live births and for 1972 was 11.0. For England and Wales in 1972 the Infant Mortality Rate was 17.0 and for the Administrative County of Hampshire it was 15.0.

Infant Mortality Rates for period 1967 - 1972

1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
9.2	8.9	4.0	11.0	19.0	11.0

Legitimate Mortality Rate

The legitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate births was 9.0. For England & Wales it was 17.0.

Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate

The illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births was 63.0. For England & Wales it was 21.0.

Neonatal Mortality Rate

This is the number of deaths of infants under four weeks of age per 1,000 live births and for the year under review was 9.0, compared with 3.7 in 1967, 5.3 in 1968, 2.0 in 1969, 8.0 in 1970 and 11.0 in 1971. In England & Wales the rate was 12.0.

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate

This is the number of deaths of infants under 1 week per 1,000 live births and for 1972 was 7.0 compared with 1.8 in 1967, 5.3 in 1968, zero in 1969, 8.0 in 1970 and 11.0 in 1971. In England & Wales it was 10.0.

Perinatal Mortality Rate

This rate is the combined number of deaths of infants under one week and still births per 1,000 total live births and still births and was 28.0 compared with 7.3 in 1967, 15.8 in 1968, 4.0 in 1969, 15.0 in 1970 and 17.0 in 1971. It was 22.0 in England & Wales.

Maternal Deaths

There was one maternal death from pregnancy or childbirth, giving a Maternal Mortality Rate of 2.1 in 1972. This is the ratio of maternal deaths associated with pregnancy and child bearing to the total number of births (live and still) expressed as a rate per 1,000. In 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971 the rate was zero.

The total number of deaths in 1972 in the Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District was 229.

Diseases of the heart accounted for 80 deaths - they caused 34.1% of all deaths.

Ischaemic Heart Disease caused 57 deaths, giving a figure of 24.9% of all deaths.

Cerebro-vascular disease with 30 deaths gave a percentage figure of 13.1%.

If all deaths due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system (which includes cerebro-vascular disease) are totalled, a figure of 117 deaths is arrivedat - thus causing 51.1% of all deaths in the District.

Cancer caused 59 deaths, giving a figure of 25.8% of deaths. Cancer of the lung and bronchus caused 15 deaths, or in other words, 25.4% of all cancer deaths were caused by cancer of the lung and bronchus.

Accidents and suicides caused 12 deaths; 6 involving motor vehicles.

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	: 8.0
Corrected Death Rate (using a comparability factor of 1.19) per 1,000 estimated population	: 9.5
Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population of the Administrative County of Hampshire	: 9.8
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population of England and Wales	: 12.1
Ratio of local adjusted rate to National Rate	: 0.79 to 1.00

Deaths from all Causes

The Registrar General has recorded the following deaths and they are classified under the International Abbreviated List of Causes (B list) from the manual of the Eighth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases, 1965.

Where headings are omitted from the table, there were no deaths in the District due to those causes.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks and under 1yr	Age in Years								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 ov
B4 Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	F	1		1									
B6(1) Late Effects of Respiratory Tuberculosis	F	1								1			
B18 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M	1									1		
B19(1) Malignant Neoplasm - Buccal Cavity etc.	M	1								1			
B19(2) Malignant Neoplasm - Oesophagus	M	3							1	1			
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	M F	2 3						1		1		2	
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine	M F	5 3								1	1 1	1	
B19(5) Malignant Neoplasm - Larynx	M	1										1	
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	M F	13 2								2	2 1	7 1	
B19(7) Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	F	3										2	
B19(8) Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	F	2									2		
B19(9) Malignant Neoplasm - Prostate	M	4										2	

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks and under 1yr	Age in Years								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
9(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	9							1	2		3	3
	F	8								3	1	3	1
6 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	1										1	
	F	2											2
7 Hypertensive Disease	F	3											3
8 Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	33								5	8	12	8
	F	24									4	3	17
9 Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	8										3	5
	F	9										1	8
0 Cerebrovascular Disease	M	13								1	2	3	7
	F	17								1		2	14
2 Pneumonia	M	9									1	2	6
	F	2											2
3(1) Bronchitis & Emphysema	M	2							1			1	
	F	2										1	1
4 Peptic Ulcer	M	1											1
5 Appendicitis	M	1				1							
6 Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	F	4										1	3
9 Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1											1
1 Other Complications of Pregnancy etc.	F	1							1				
3 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	F	1	1										
4 Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	F	2	2										
5 Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	F	1											1
6(1) Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	F	2										2	
6(2) Other Disease of Blood etc.	F	1										1	

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks and under 1yr	Age in Years								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	7 o
B46(4) Multiple Sclerosis	F	1									1		
B46(6) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M F	3 4							1		1		
B46(8) Other Diseases of Digestive System	F	1											
B46(9) Other Diseases of Genito-Urinary System	F	3										2	
B46(10) Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	F	1											
B46(11) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	F	1											
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	M F	4 2					3		1			1	
BE48 All Other Accidents	F	5			1								
BE49 Suicide & Self-Inflicted Injuries	F	1						1					
BE50 All Other External Causes	M	1	1										
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M F	116 113	1 3	 1	 1	1	3	1 1	5 1	14 5	16 10	36 22	

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The number of infectious diseases notified in 1972 in the Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District was 15.

Table showing number and types of infectious diseases notified:

Diseases	Number
Infective Hepatitis	1
Measles	9
Salmonella Dublin	1
Shigella Sonnei	2
Tuberculosis	2
Total	15

Measles

The following table shows the distribution of measles in age groups :-

	Under 1yr	1+	2+	3+	4+	5-9	10-14	15-25	25+	Age un-known	Total
Males	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	5
Females	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
Total	-	3	2	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	9

Tuberculosis

There were two new cases of tuberculosis in the district in 1972. In addition there were two inward transfers to the district. One case was removed from the Register as the patient died.

Tuberculosis in Kingsclere & Whitchurch Rural District in 1972

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
New Cases	1	1	-	-	2
Inward Transfers	-	2	-	-	2
Number on Register as at 31.12.72	102	73	15	26	217
	175		41		

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Poliomyelitis

Vaccination against poliomyelitis was offered to all persons under 40 years of age. The vaccine generally used is the oral (Sabin) type of vaccine which is easier to administer to children. It is important to ensure that the highest possible acceptance rate, especially among young children, is maintained.

The following table shows the number of persons under 16 years immunised against poliomyelitis in 1972 in the Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District.

Age Groups	Numbers Immunised
Children born in 1972	9
" " in 1971	367
" " in 1970	119
" " in 1969	4
" " in 1968 - 1965	5
Others under 16 years	6
Reinforcing doses under 16 years	565
Total	1,075

Measles Vaccination

Vaccination against measles began in April 1968 and was confined to children under seven years. In November 1968, this was extended to children up to fifteen years of age. Cases of measles notified were :-

1967	633	1970	68
1968	95	1971	127
1969	10	1972	9

In 1972, 521 children under 16 years were vaccinated against measles.

Smallpox Vaccination

The following table shows the number of vaccinations of age groups under 16 years, carried out in the Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District in 1972 :

Age at Date of Vaccination	Primary	Re-vaccination
0 - 3 months	-	
4 - 6 months	-	
7 - 9 months	-	
10 - 12 months	-	
1 year	10	
2 - 6 years	21	7
7 - 16 years	11	74

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough Vaccination

The most frequently used agent is Triple Antigen which contains antigens of diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. This reduces the number of injections necessary, which are usually commenced when the infant is about three months old. The antigens, given combined in a single vaccine, produce a greater protection to each disease than they would if given separately.

The following table shows the completed courses and booster doses given in 1972 :

Type of Antigen	Primary Course	Booster Course
Triple	495	45
Diphtheria/Tetanus	12	259

German Measles Vaccination

Vaccination is now offered to girls from 11 to 14 years of age. One hundred and eighty six were protected in 1972 in the Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District.

B.C.G. Vaccination

This is offered to all children, on reaching the age of thirteen years by the County Council.

The following table gives more information by schools of B.C.G. vaccination in 1972 :

School	Number Heaf Tested	Number Absent at B.C.G. Session	Positive	Negative	B.C.G. Vaccinated
Testbourne County Secondary, Whitchurch	-	-	-	-	-
The Clere, Burghclere	-	-	-	-	-
The Hurst, Baughurst	138	8	14	116	116

COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES
for 1972

Area Nursing Officer	:	Miss M. Addy - to 31.3.72 Mrs. A. Oakley - from 1.4.72
Health Visitors	:	Mrs. T. Annals Miss B. Butler Miss W. Copestake Mrs. E. M. Crone Mrs. P. Walker
District Nurse/Midwives	:	Mrs. M. Cooper Miss G. Hallam - from 5.6.72 Mrs. M. E. James Mrs. A. Jeffs - to 30.4.72 Miss O. Jepps - to 26.1.72 Mrs. M. Kieren Mrs. A. Lockey Miss E. M. Smith Mrs. B. Tofield Miss S. M. T. Tolkki - from 1.8.72
District Nurses	:	Mrs. E. J. Childs Mrs. M. E. Heath (part time) - from 1.6.72 Mrs. D. Roberts Mrs. C. A. Snook (part time)

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Burghclere	Parish Hall	4th Thursday (to 28.9.72)
Burnham Copse	Community Centre, Tadley	Each Wednesday
Kingsclere	Red Cross Centre	1st, 3rd & 4th Thursday
Overton	St. Mary's Hall	Each Friday
Tadley	Memorial Hall	2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Tuesday
Ecchinswell	Village Hall	2nd Tuesday (to 10.2.72)
Woolton Hill	Church Hall	3rd Wednesday
Bishops Green	Social Centre	2nd Thursday
Whitchurch	The Surgery	Each Monday

HOME HELP SERVICES

KINGSCLERE & WHITCHURCH RURAL DISTRICT

Annual Statistics - 1972

Number of Cases on Register at beginning of period	:	85
New Cases during the period	:	53
Total of Cases on Register at end of period	:	138

Maternity	:	8
Emergency Sickness	:	1
Post Hospital	:	6
Child Care	:	1
Mentally Sick	:	3
Chronic	:	15
Aged - 65 - 74 years	:	35
Aged - 75 yrs. & over	:	69
Total		138

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

There were no cases under this Act during 1972 in the Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District.

SUMMARY OF VISITS

Animal Boarding Establishments	10
Atmospheric Pollution	55
Caravans and Sites	113
Drainage	79
Factories	23
Food Premises, Inspection and Sampling	372
Housing	1,887
Infectious and Notifiable Diseases (including food poisoning)	74
Noise Abatement	13
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	163
Petroleum Storage	246
Public Health - Nuisances, etc.	455
Rodent Control	45
Swimming Baths - including sampling	66
Water Supplies - including sampling	316
Miscellaneous	210
Total :	4,127

These figures do not include the work done by the Rodent Officer. A summary of this work appears later in the Report.

COMPLAINTS

Two hundred and seven complaints were received in the following categories :-

Air Pollution	31
Drainage	31
Unfit Food and Other Food Matters	31
Offensive Odours	22
Pollution of Streams	17
Housing	15
Rubbish	11
Insects	11
Deposit of Septic Tank Contents	7
Noise	6
Animals Kept so as to be a Nuisance	4
Water	4
Caravans	3
Dustbins	3
Dangerous Buildings	3
Animal Boarding Establishments	2
Miscellaneous	6
Total :	207

INFORMAL NOTICES

Two hundred and fifty seven informal notices were served, as detailed below :-

Petroleum Storage	77
Food and Food Hygiene	47
Housing	29
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	21
Air Pollution	21
Caravans	13
Pollution of Streams	10
Drainage	10
Offensive Odours	8
Rubbish Deposits	5
Water	4
Dangerous Buildings	3
Animal Boarding Establishments	2
Animals Kept so as to be a Nuisance	2
Miscellaneous	5
Total :	257

The increase of just over 50% compared with the number of notices served in 1971 reflects the benefit of an extra Inspector in the Establishment during the latter half of the year.

HOUSING

Housing Act 1957

The following action was taken in respect of unfit houses during the year.

Number of Houses closed	1
Number of Houses demolished	2
Number of Persons displaced	4
Number of Families displaced	1
Number of Unfit Houses made Fit	4

These figures are very low and may reflect the improved standard of the housing conditions existing in the area.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

There was a swing towards improvement grants instead of standard grants during the year, whilst this is considered to be the preferable way of improving properties as a higher standard is achieved, this resulted in the pressure of work on improvement grants increasing considerably during the year so that, at times, the resources of the Department had to be concentrated on this work.

Discretionary and Standard Grants

Details for 1972 are given below. Figures in brackets are for 1971.

Number and value of Discretionary Grants approved :
68 (48), £49,556.11

Number and value of Standard Grants approved :
13(23), £3,113.50

One other standard grant was approved to the value of £309.00 but was withdrawn and substituted by a discretionary grant value £1,000.00.

Four standard grants approved during 1971 to a value of £1,800.00 were withdrawn and substituted during 1972 by discretionary grants to a value of £2,592.00.

Number of Grants for each Parish :-

	Standard Grants	Discretionary Grants
Ashmansworth	0	1
Baughurst	1	14
Burghclere	1	0
East Woodhay	4	4
Ecchinswell & Sydmonton	0	0
Highclere	0	3
Hurstbourne Priors	0	1
Kingsclere	2	14
Laverstoke	0	1
Litchfield & Woodcott	0	0
Newtown	0	1
Overton	3	9
St. Mary Bourne	0	6
Tadley	0	4
Whitchurch	2	10
	13	68

CARAVAN SITES

The sites in this area are all privately owned and the caravans are used for residential purposes. Details of the licensed sites are as follows :-

1. Number of site licences operating as at 31st December, 1972 -

   (a) Individual 27
   (b) Multiple (more than 3) 1

2.	Total number of caravans	41
3.	Number of contraventions dealt with informally	2
4.	Number of exempted organisation certificates for use of members with touring caravans.	4

FOOD

REGISTRATIONS

The following are the numbers of premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act 1955 :-

Sale of Ice Cream	81
Manufacture of Sausages etc.	21

FOOD HYGIENE

The Department of Health and Social Services require the following details as to the number of food premises in the area to be included in this report :-

Hotels & Public Houses	47
Grocers & General Stores	46
School Canteens & Kitchens	22
Butchers	18
Village Halls etc.	14
Cafes & Restaurants	13
Greengrocers	8
Sweet Shops	8
Confectioners	6
Fish & Chip Shops	5
Clubs etc.	4
Bakehouses	4
Wine Merchants	4
Factory Canteens	3

Garages selling Ice Cream	3
Food Producing Factories	3
Dairy Products	2
Grocers/Greengrocers	1
Total :	211

UNSOUND FOOD

The following items of food were voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption and were destroyed :-

Frozen Foods	:	8 cwt	45 lb
Flour	:	1 cwt	14 lb
Carcase Meat	:		108 lb
Canned Food	:		76 lb
Total	:	11 cwt	19 lb

ICE CREAM

Samples of the various makes sold in the district were taken during the year and the results were :-

Samples Taken	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
34	29	4	1	0

The Grade 3 report and two of the Grade 2's were from one manufacturer. The Chief Public Health Inspector of the Authority concerned was informed of the results and an improvement was achieved during the year.

MILK & DAIRIES

There are eighteen premises in the area licensed for the sale of designated milk.

There is one dairy in the district which pasteurises and bottles milk.

The following samples were taken during the year :-

Product	Taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Positive Brucella
Pasteurised	48	48	0	-
Channel Island Pasteurised	35	35	0	-
Sterilised	24	24	0	-
U.H.T.	17	17	0	-
Untreated	18	16	1	1
Totals	142	140	1	1
Untreated from Individual Cows	54	53	-	1
Grand Totals	196	193	1	2

WASHED MILK BOTTLES

	Taken	Satisfatory	Unsatisfactory
Sets of washed bottles	10	9	1

The unsatisfactory set of bottles proved to be a continuation of the trouble experienced during the second half of 1971. With the co-operation of the Dairy Operator and the Suppliers of the cleansing/ sterilising agent, the cause of the trouble was found and satisfactory alterations to the system were made.

KNACKERS YARDS

One small knackers yard operates in the district. Conditions are satisfactory and the carcasses are disposed of in accordance with the appropriate legislation.

SLAUGHTERMEN

There are four licensed slaughtermen in the district. Three slaughter at the knackers yard with a Greeners Humane Killer and the other uses a Cash Captive Bolt Pistol to slaughter cottagers' pigs.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The figures submitted to the Department of Employment are as follows :-

Class of Premises	Number of premises newly registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of the year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	2	37	37
Retail Shops	4	95	95
Wholesale Shops & Warehouses	0	0	0
Catering Establishments open to public: canteens	2	9	9
Fuel Storage Depots	0	3	3
Total	8	144	144

Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises : 153.

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises, by workplace :

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons employed
Offices	112
Retail Shops	370
Wholesale Departments, Warehouse	0
Catering Establishments open to the Public	66
Canteens	0
Fuel Storage Depots	21
Total	569
Males Females	161 408

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS

Alterations to ownership during the year increased the number of licensed establishments to four. All were inspected by the R.S.P.C.A. Inspector during the year. The total number of animals covered by licences was 115 dogs and 92 cats.

GAME DEALERS LICENCES

Thirteen licences were renewed during 1972.

PETROLEUM STORAGE

The introduction of the Hampshire County Council Act during the year made it obligatory for Local Authorities to consult the Hampshire Fire Authority before issuing or renewing any petroleum storage licence.

Ninety licences were in force at the end of the year, covering the storage of 189,545 gallons of petroleum spirit or mixtures.

WATER SUPPLIES

The Department of Health and Social Security require the following figures to be included in this report :-

	Served by Mains Water piped into houses		Served by Mains Water from stand pipes	
PARISH	Dwellings	Population	Dwellings	Population
Ashmansworth	60	150	-	-
Baughurst	744	2,083	-	-
Burghclere	325	813	-	-
East Woodhay	620	1,703	-	-
Ecchinswell & Sydmonton	244	605	2	1
Highclere	223	578	-	-
Hurstbourne Priors	85	233	-	-
Kingsclere	1,326	3,978	5	5
Laverstoke	102	279	-	-
Litchfield & Woodcott	17	46	-	-
Newtown	85	213	-	-

PARISH	Served by Mains Water piped into houses		Served by Mains Water from stand pipes	
	Dwellings	Population	Dwellings	Population
Overton	1,054	3,163	-	-
St. Mary Bourne	344	944	-	-
Tadley	2,303	6,910	-	-
Whitchurch	1,104	3,201	-	-
Totals :	8,636	24,899	7	6

Approximately 87.5% of the population are served by mains water piped into their houses.

One house served by a stand pipe was vacant at the end of the year and was in the process of being improved including piping water into the house.

Five water main extensions were considered and approved by the Council during the year. Consideration was given to areas without mains water in view of the expected cessation of the County Council's grant towards the cost. The approval of the schemes means that almost all of the district will be provided with a mains supply of water.

	Taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Private Supplies	47	23	24
Public Supplies	47	46	1
Other Water Samples (Water Cress Beds)	2	2	-
Totals	96	71	25

Most of the samples taken from private supplies were in relation to proposed water main extensions.

The results of the samples taken from swimming baths were as follows :-

School	Taken	Satisfactory	Suspicious	Unsatisfactory
Burghclere Junior	20	18	2	0
Burnham Copse Junior	20	20	0	0
Cheam	6	2	1	3
Horris Hill	12	8	3	1
Hurst Secondary Modern	16	14	2	0
Lordsfield (Overton)	14	14	0	0
Tadley Green	18	17	1	0
Whitchurch	20	17	2	1
Total	126	110	11	5

Swimming Baths

Of the eight school swimming baths in the district six are at County Council Schools and two at private schools.

The Hampshire County Council held a course for operators of swimming baths, usually the caretakers, early in the year and issued new instructions and comparators for checking chlorine content and the pH value of the water. This action has brought about an improvement to the condition of the pools.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The details of the year's work, as sent to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, are as follows :-

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	11,580	706
2. (a) Total number of properties inspected following notification	1,468	95
(b) Number infested by :		
(i) rats	922	82
(ii) mice	20	0
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	699	22
(b) Number infested by :		
(i) rats	143	2
(ii) mice	0	0

The temporary employment of a part time rodent operator enabled all the sewers in the district to be test baited. No signs of rats were found. Warfarin resistance continues to exist at Tadley.

The Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector and Rodent Officer attended a one day course on Warfarin Resistance and Warfarin Toxicity to Domestic Animals.

Pest Control

An outbreak of beetles was dealt with at a Council House Estate, involving 39 houses. Other pests dealt with were :-

Wasps	:	67
Flies	:	13
Ants	:	13
Bees	:	7
Others	:	21

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

One application for the approval of two chimney heights, received during 1971, was approved early in 1972.

ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

The eighth annual report of The Association was produced during the year, dealing with the environmental health of the Country. Statistics are provided by most Councils, including this one, and the report may be borrowed from the Chief Public Health Inspector.

PUBLICITY TALKS

Offers were made to Womens Institutes, Mothers Unions, etc., to give talks on two subjects, namely The Work of the Public Health Inspector and Food Hygiene. Eleven talks were given during 1972.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	1	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	55	22	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	60	23	-	-

2 - No DEFECTS were FOUND or referred to the Department by Her Majesty's Inspector of Factories.

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

The number of outworkers employed in the District is 2. Both do work in Class 1 - making of wearing apparel.